Upgradation and construction of new Airport

4308. SHRI KRISHANA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVAITION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to increase in the air traffic, the congestion at various airports have also increased considerably;

(b) if so, whether several civil aviation experts have stressed the need to upgrade the existing airports and also to construct new airports; and

(c) if so, the details of the plans of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b and (c): Upgradation of airports and other infrastructural facilities is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon projected requirements and availability of resources.

Major projects of upgradation envisaged during 8th Five Year Plan by the Airports Authority of India are as follows:—

(i) Modernisation of air traffic control services at Bombay and Delhi Airports.

(ii) Procurement of Aiport Surveillance Radars and Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radars.

(iii) Procurement of Instrument Landing Systems.

(iv) Development of Model airports.

(v) Construction of International Passenger Terminal Complex (Phase-III) at Bombay airport.

(vi) Construction of Domestic Terminal Complex (Phase-II) at Bombay aiport.

It is proposed to set up new airports at Kargil in Jammu and Kashmir, Lengpui in Mizoram and Tura in Meghalaya.

Sound and Light show at Shaniwarwada

4309. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Sound and Light show at Shaniwarwada, Pune; and

(b) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The proposal of Sound and Light Show at Shaniwarwada, Pune has been approved. The completion of the project is the responsibility of the State Government.

Shortage of Chief Flying Instructors

4310. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Flying Schools in the country are facing an acute shortage of Chief Flying Instructors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Flying Clubs in several cities are closed due to the shortage of Chief Flying Instructors; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take so as to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Some of the Flying Clubs are closed due to management/financial problems.

(c) The following remedial steps have already been taken:

(i) Subsidised Flying is provided by the Director General of Civil Aviation for issue of Assistant Flight Instructor's Rating and Flight Instructor's Rating to encourage pilots to take up flying training jobs at Flying clubs.

(ii) Ist Flight Instructor's Rating course of six weeks duration was conducted at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) from 18-7-94 to 27-8-94.

(iii) Second Flight Instructor's Rating Course of six weeks duration is currently going on at IGRUA w.e.f. 13-3-95. Once the trained personnel come out after finishing the course the position will improve.

(iv) Chief Flying Instructors of all the Flying Clubs having more than 5000 hours of flying experience have been permitted to impart flying training at the Flying Clubs for the issue of the Flight Instructor's Rating.

Criteria for appointment of Managing Director of Hotel Corporation of India

4311. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any rules|norms|criteria have been followed by the Government in the appointment of Managing Director of Hotel Corporation of India;

(b) if so, whether the Chairman of Air India has opposed this appointment and has given contention with regard to the appointment;

(c) if so, what are the details of his contention and the Government's view with it; and

(d) if not, the basis/reasons of appointment of Managing Directors of Hotel Corporation of India despite Chairman's protest?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Selection to the top level appointments in Public Sector Undertakings are processed by the Public Enterprises Selection Board; Approvals of the Minister in charge and of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet are necessary. This procedure has been followed, while appointing Managing Director of HCI Ltd.

(b) to (d): No, Sir, Chairman Air India had sought some clarifications on behalf of the Board of Directors of Air India regarding the appointment of MD, HCI on some procedure aspects. Necessary clarifications have been given.

Comission to ticketing agents by India Airlines and Air India

4312. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the pecentage of commission given by Indian Airlines and Air India to ticketing agents;

(b) what other fringe benefits the ticketing agents are entitled to from the Indian Airlines and Air India in addition to the commission; and

(c) wehther Air India offers to its agents additional commission in certain special sector: if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b): Commission and other benefits given to passenger sales agents by Air India|Indian Airlines are listed below:—

Air India :—

(i) 9 per cent commission to IATA agents

(ii) 75 per cent concessional tickets, to the extent of two for each approved location per year to full time employes of the agent and 50 per cent concession to accompanying spouse.